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FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION

SUMMARY. FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION OF GOE POLICY STATEMENT TO
PEOPLES ASSEMBLY STRESSED EGYPTIANS DO NOT ADVOCATE WAR BUT
CALL FOR JUST AND STABLE PEACE. EGYPTIAN DIPLOMACY IS BASED
ON ARAB COOPERATION AND PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGNMENT. REMARKS
ON GOE/USSR RELATIONS STRESSED DEEP MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP BUT SEEM
LUKEWARM IN VIEW IMPENDING BREZHNEV VISIT. "RELATIVE CHANGE"
IN USG POLICY IS WELCOME BUT "LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED".

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END SUMMARY.

1. PRIMIN HEGAZI DELIVERED MAJOR GOE POLICY STATEMENT TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY NOT 27. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION. LEGTHY REMARKS ON INTERNAL SITUATION WILL BE ANALYZED AND REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

A) ME CRISIS. BATTLE WILL NOT END UNTIL "EVERY INCH OF ARAB TERRITORY IS LIBERATED" AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S LEGITIMATE RIGHTS RESTORED. POST-OCTOBER WAR PERIOD WITNESSED INTENSIVE EFFORTS IN ALL MILITARY FIELDS. HOWEVER, "WE ARE NOT ADVOCATES OF WAR," BUT CALL FOR PEACE, SINCE IN PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE WE CAN BUILD OUR COUNTRY. FOUR WARS EXHAUSTED BUDGET AND "UTILITIES". BELIEF IN PEACE IS UNSHAKEN, BUT IT MUST BE JUST AND MUST SAFEGUARD "RIGHTS OF PEOPLES." (COMMENT: STANDARD GOE FORMULATION USED ROUTINELY BY SADAT AND HIS MINISTERS REGARDING GENERAL OUTLINE OF EGYPTIAN ME POLICY IS RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND LIBERATION OF "EVERY INCH OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES". PHRASE "ARAB TERRITORY" MAY BE CRUMB THROWN IN PLO'S DIRECTION BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT MEASN ANY MORE THAN THAT.)

B) GOE FOREIGN POLICY. GOE COORDINATES WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. NON-ALIGNMENT IS A MAJOR PILLAR OF EGYPTIAN POLICY. GOE WAS ACTIVE IN PAST YEAR IN EUROPE; AND LAUDS ROLE PLAYED BY FRANCE IN THIS RESEPCT.

C) GOE-USSR RELATIONS. GOE CAN NOT BELITTLE SUPPORT GIVEN BY USSR TO BUILDING INDUSTRIAL BASE AND PROMOTING DEFENSE CAPACITY. "WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THERE CAN BE NO REAL CONTRADICTION BETWEEN EGYPT AND SOVIET UNION". HENCE WE "INSISTED" ON FRIENDSHIP OF TWO COUNTRIES AND TWO PEOPLES "WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES AND COMMON INTERESTS". WE LOOK FORWARD TO SADAT-BREZHNEV SUMMIT IN WHICH "WE SEE CONSOLIDATION OF DEEP FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATED PEOPLES AND WORLD PROGRESS". (COMMENT: THIS WORDING IS REMINISCENT OF NATIONAL DAY CONGRATULATIONS CABLE AND SEEMS TO US LESS THAN FULSOME IN CONTEXT OF FLORID ARABIC RHETORIC ROUTINELY EMPLOYED IN OFFICIAL ARAB STATEMENTS. WE NOTE THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO USSR ROLE IN ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.)

D) USG-GOE RELATIONS. "LIKEWISE WE WELCOMED RELATIVE CHANGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN AMERICAN STAND" AND ITS "NEUTRALIZATION" AS RESULT OF RAMADAN WAR. THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN REFLECTED BY USG'S READINESS TO PLAY POSITIVE AND ACTIVE ROLE SO AS TO PARTICIAPATE IN SOLVING ME CRISIS. ALTHOUGH THIS STAND STILL LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED, IT IS DEVELOPMENT INRIGHT DIRECTION, AND THEREFORE DESEARVES WELCOME AND RESPONSE ON OUR SIDE. (COMMENT: IT IS JUST POSSIBLE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS TO FONMIN FAHMY WHEN HE SHOWED FAHMY TANNER ARTICLE (CAIRO 9511) RESULTED IN SOME IN PUT TO THIS

SECTION OF THE SPEECH.)

E) AP BUREAU CALLED TO ASK HOW WE INTERPRET HEGAZI'S USE OF PHRASE
"THIS STAND INVOLVES WISHFUL THINKING". EMOFF CHECKED MENA
TRANSCRIPT IN ARABIC AND PHONED BACK TO SAY ARABIC IS CLEAR
AND TRANSLATES "THIS STAND STILL LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED;" PHRASE
DOES NOT MEAN "WISHFUL THINKING." AP DECLINED TO SAY WHAT TEXT
THEY WERE USING, AND SAID THEY WOULD GO WITH "WISHFUL THINKING".
SINCE DIFFERENCE IN MEANING IS CONSIDERABLE, WE STRESS MENA TEXT
IS NORMALLY REGARDED LOCALLY AS SEMI-OFFICIAL. ARABIC IS "LA ZALA
INNA HATHA AL-MAWQIF YATRUQ AL-KATHIR LILTAMANNA."
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